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Stone, Tymniak Announce Funds for Beach Erosion



State Reps. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133, and Jack Stone, R-134, said the state House of Representatives today has approved a \$450,000 pilot program to address shoreline erosion in Fairfield and Milford. The legislation is expected to receive Senate approval this week and be signed into law by the governor.

Rep. Tymniak said, “The Connecticut shoreline has as a positive economic impact for tourism and other businesses. We have an obligation to find ways to reverse the erosion that takes place due to waves, tides, currents and storms. Beach erosion also has important impacts on the environment of Long Island Sound.”

Rep. Tymniak said, “Thanks to the legislature and state Department of Environmental Protection for picking Fairfield for this pilot project. This pilot program will be fully funded by the state, so the town will not incur any additional expenses.”

Rep. Tymniak added, “Protecting the environment of Long Island Sound has been a top priority of state and local governments for many years. This legislation is a continuing step toward preserving the shoreline along the Sound.”

Rep. Stone said, “Connecticut is blessed with miles upon miles of beautiful beaches. When storms come through those beaches are damaged. This pilot program will help to minimize, if not eliminate, much of the impact of beach erosion.”

The legislation, HB 5803, allocates \$450,000 to the state Department of Environmental Protection beginning July 1, 2006, for grants to Fairfield and Milford to establish pre-construction pilot programs to permanently reverse beach erosion and loss of oxygen in the Sound waters.